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CO-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

A Chartered Institution Authorized By The State of South Carolina To Grant Diplomas and Confer Degrees.

Eighteen years ago, Col. F. N. K. Bailey, believing that a first class high grade Co-Educational school would be liberally patronized by the people of this state, established the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute. The school has been a success from the very beginning, always having as many students as it could accommodate.

Col. Bailey has spent thousands of dollars in advertising the institution and in thoroughly canvassing every county in the state. Year by

are gathered in by the hundreds, but who wish to patronize a school where only a limited number of students is taken, thereby making it possible for each student to receive the close personal attention of the president and faculty. The president and faculty make a specialty of studying the mental ability, disposition, and character of each student and then applying the very best methods suited to each individual case.

We would call special attention to

voice, and violin.

Vocal Department.

The auditorium of the college, and in former years, before the days of the auditorium, the Edgefield opera house, have reverberated with musical concord of sweet sound, being a manifestation of the efficiency of the vocalists in charge of this department. Not only so, but the magnificent voices which have been heard and trained in Edgefield were a like evidence that the public at large had unbounded confidence in the instructors selected for this institution. Young ladies from far and near have come with this greatest of all mortal gifts to have it developed and beautified for human uplift and enjoyment. It seems, however, that in the past two years, under the vocal instruction of Miss Lula Tisdale, there has been greater glory surrounding this department than ever before. Whether it is the teaching, or the taught, or both, we can not say, but there are now voices in the vocal department which have been locally celebrated, and will no doubt be heard from later in the great outside world, as they go forth from the walls of this institution which has encouraged and stimulated them to this accomplishment. Miss Tisdale has a wonderful power of developing the voice, not alone in full tone and volume, but in sweetness and clearness of enunciation.

In the department of expression Miss Tisdale is no less a force. Some of the young ladies whom she has trained during the last year would do honor to the most cultured lyceum platform. Of all the splendid instructors the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute has had in the past in the beautiful art of expression, none have given such marked results in the work of their students as has Miss Tisdale.

The Brass Band.

Rev. P. P. Blalock has been the director of a successful band in the S. C. C. I. for several seasons. It is wonderful how rapidly this great accomplishment is attained under this wise and experienced leadership. This band now consists of a full orchestra, composed entirely of local talent. They made their first appearance after only two or three weeks practice, at the college entertainment on Friday evening, and were heartily applauded and congratulated on what had been accomplished in so short a time and for the happy outlook for the future. This is a great opportunity and advantage for our boys, and will bring many hours of enjoyment to Edgefield audiences.

Orchestra of Stringed Instruments.

Each succeeding year, the possibilities of such an institution are manifested in some new and unexpected way. Last year for the first time an orchestra of violins and violin-cello was organized by Miss Louise Couch, who is also an instructor on piano. One of the most delightful evenings of the last commencement was the concert of stringed instruments, the whole program being composed of the choicest selections by the orchestra. A whole volume might be written about the great benefits that the town of Edgefield has derived from the presence of this centre of learning and culture, with a President at its helm who believes in the practical and is himself ready to put his shoulder to the wheel in all enterprises for the public welfare. "Like priest, like people." In the same manner that he is a benefit to the community and in the same proportion, the faculty and students are likewise a blessing. This is no institution for the cold and unsympathetic pursuit of intellectual culture alone, too dignified for service, but always ready, president, faculty, and students, to add to the influences and enterprises which our town encourages.

The Music Department.

The music department is in a more flourishing condition than ever before in the history of the institution. Misses Louise Couch, Fannie Sheppard, Lula Tisdale and Mrs. J. F. Entzinger are the teachers in charge. These ladies are all gifted musicians and very successful teachers. There are large classes in piano,

school in the state so well equipped in the varied musical advantages as the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute. We have all heard of the musicians who could not play, whose musical training had carried them so far above the common herd that they could never descend again to give pleasure and assistance for every day needs. There are musicians who are famous for their attainments and brilliance of performance and skillful technique, but who could not play the doxology on Sunday morning for a waiting congregation whose organist was absent. Very few can be artists, but all may be helpers. Advantages are given in the S. C. C. I. which encourage the highest musical education for those who have the gifts, and yet the needs of practical life are not ignored and depreciated.

Art Department.

This important educational opportunity for the students of the

teachers who were educated at the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute, is always greater than the supply. It is invariably the case that they are re-elected to the positions they hold, showing that they have been thoroughly prepared for this line of work.

Literary Societies. Pierian, Bailey and Fidelity.

The societies of the college hold their weekly meetings on Saturday evening. These literary training schools for future eloquence have been productive of great good. The boys and girls are trained to think by the preparation of essays and debates, and in public utterance by speeches and debate on popular subjects. It is said that the most popular subject of debate among the young men is the liquor question, with the prohibitionists in the lead. Every inducement and stimulant is used by the faculty to arouse

charge. The daily fare provided is better than the fare prepared for the majority of homes. Besides wholesome, substantial and well prepared regular diet and dessert at frequent intervals, fruit is served twice a day to all students. The barrels of apples and oranges come into the college pantry as often as the barrels of sugar and flour.

Picturesque and Inviting Campus.

One of the most beautiful spots in all Edgefield is the campus surrounding the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute. Within its circumference of four acres there is a varied landscape, supplying the scenery of hill and valley, plain and cultivated garden, winding stream and woodland. Last spring the faculty and young ladies of the college, organized themselves into a College Beautiful Club, and with some assistance from the town and civic

showed the careful training that they had received in this department. He also said that they would compare favorably with the cadet battalion at the Citadel. This was indeed a compliment to our college boys, for it is a well known fact that the Citadel is recognized as one of the best military schools in the United States.

Continued Prosperity.

This institution in Edgefield's midst, has made a mighty transformation. From Edgefield, the old town, inactive, sluggish and unimproving, this village so full of natural picturesqueness and possibilities for varied development, has become more beautiful and full of activities, social, business, intellectual, philanthropic, artistic, and religious. The once isolated village is now full of song and story and the invigorating presence of youthful enthusiasm and happiness, in full touch with the great progress and achievements of the day and taking a lively part therein.

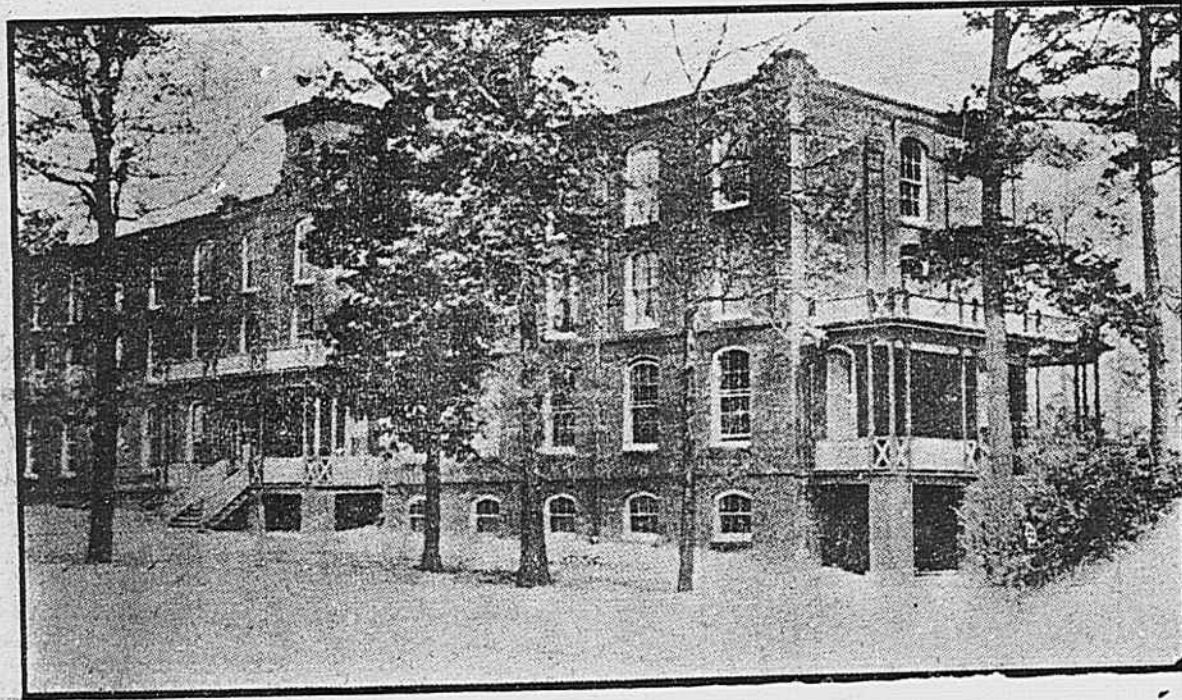
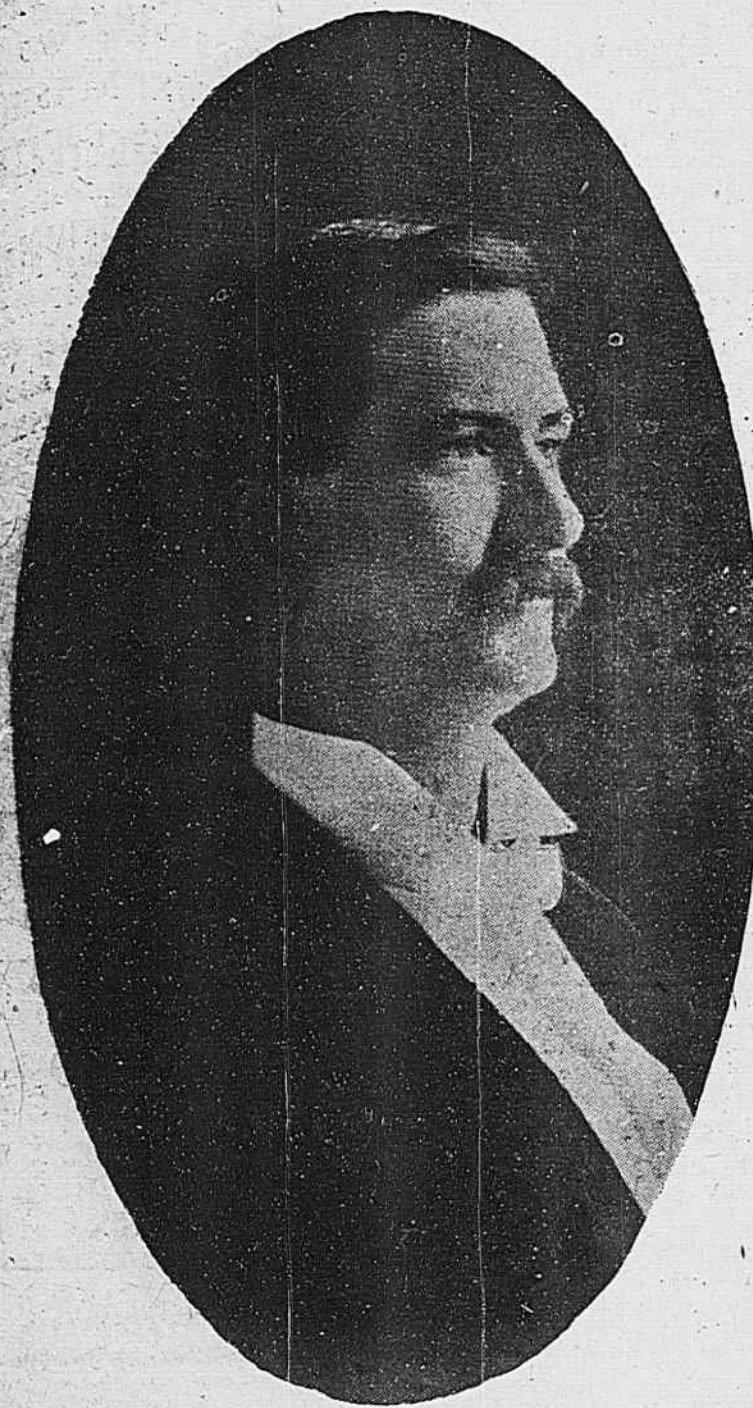
Such is the influence of an educational institution which stands for the high and pure in life and character. The appreciation of the thorough work and advantages to be derived as a student here, is evidenced by the fact that there are a number of families who send every girl and boy in the home as they arrive at the suitable age. There are students in the college this year whose families have been represented in the college by one or more brothers and sisters since its establishment in Edgefield. In fact there are some whose names have been represented there for fifteen years. The patronage from Edgefield county is becoming larger and larger, each year, there being more students this year than ever before from the home county. The number of day students is also larger than ever.

What greater boon has ever been brought to Edgefield than the influence which has awakened and is awakening our people of the town and county to the value of an education? More boys and girls are in school to-day in Edgefield town and county than ever before; more teachers are giving their talents to this field of high and useful service to humanity; more young ladies and gentlemen are pursuing a higher education and studying specialties, some at home, some abroad—all because of the life engendering, mind invigorating, soul stirring influence, the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute.

In spite of reverses of fortune which come to institutions, towns and cities, as well as to individuals, there has not been a time when this school has not been on the up grade. No one knows with what sleepless nights, and days of suspense and almost unsurmountable difficulties, President Bailey watched over the early and maturer years of this institution of his own creation. This may have been, as with all great and lasting enterprises, but to the outside world nothing has been evident but success and prosperity and the smiles of Providence. With a splendid building and equipment lying in ashes before his startled vision a few years ago, there appeared to be nothing lost, but only an opportunity gained to continue on broader and more substantial foundations with a more and more loyal and faithful constituency.

Steam Heat, Lights and Water Works.

One of the greatest advantages which has come to the college in the way of material improvement and convenience during the present session, is the acetylene gas light plant, put into operation since the opening of school. This is a wonderful help to the comfort of the students, and to the appearance of the college in general. During the long winter nights it is indeed actually a light set on a hill, whose light can not be hid. At the same time that the college was erected, steam heat was placed throughout the building, and last year a system of water works installed, so that now this institution ranks with any college in the state in its modern conveniences and comforts.



year, the standard has been raised and the buildings and equipments improved. To-day, this institution is known as one of the best and most thorough schools in our country. A large and experienced faculty is employed. Almost every county in South Carolina is represented in the student body besides the states of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas.

While there are a number of first class institutions in South Carolina, the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute is the only school in the state where a boy is at all times under the direct watch care and influence of the faculty. This institution is distinctively a home school. By this we mean, a school where the teachers and students live in the same building, eat in the same dining room, and where each boy in and out of recitation hours, is looked after and directed just as if he was in a well regulated home.

The fact is recognized that true education does not consist in simply cultivating the mental powers, but in developing every faculty that tends to better prepare young men and young women to meet the responsibilities of life. The president has always made it a rule to employ only those teachers whose moral and religious influence will be for good. Visitors after having spent a few days at the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute, have always said that they had never visited a school where the entire atmosphere was more uplifting and ennobling.

This institution especially appeals to those parents who do not care to send their sons and daughters to a school where the students

S. C. C. I. has been a specialty in the institution since its establishment in Edgefield. Miss Eliza Mims is in charge of this department. Under her direction, numbers of boys and girls have been brought in touch with the beautiful in nature and in art. A number of the students are now being instructed in painting and drawing, and there hang on the walls of many Edgefield homes the drawings and paintings of our own home artists, equal to those of students any where.

Religious Influences. Sunday School, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A.

As every other feature of the work of this institution is on such a high plane and with such lofty ideals, the inference would be drawn at once that the most important influence of all would be given the prominence deserved. If President Bailey has been heard to say one thing oftener than another it is the statement that education of the mind, without the heart was not his ideal and that he was striving to develop the students under his care into well rounded men and women fitted for the responsibilities of life. Religious exercises are held in the chapel twice a day, the day students attending the morning exercises. Every Sunday afternoon there are meetings of the young men's and women's Christian associations, and these organizations are wielding a splendid influence in the religious life of the institution and in the individual lives of the students. Sunday school is taught every Sunday morning in the college auditorium, with the young men and young women as students and the faculty as religious instructors.

the ambition of the student; and to awaken dormant energy and talent. In these societies, doubtless are some of the future leaders of thought, and eloquence who will wield potent influences for the uplift and regeneration of the world.

Boarding and Culinary Department.

The boarding department of the college has now more than one hundred students, young ladies and gentlemen. The house keeping is under the direction of an efficient matron assisted by first class waiters and servants. It is a pleasure to look upon this array of handsome young men and beautiful young women seated in this spacious dining hall so comfortably and conveniently appointed. The menu is personally looked after by President Bailey himself who considers that the daily routine of directions in the culinary department is not beneath his notice when the success of it administers to the happiness and health and more efficient work of the students under his

Normal Department.

One of the most popular features of the institute, is the special training given to those who wish to prepare themselves for teachers. Col. Bailey has arranged a special course of study for this department and has furnished the state hundreds of successful teachers. S. C. C. I. graduates are to be found all over this state teaching in the public, graded, and high schools. The demand for